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In re Application of
Nigel Buchanan
Application No. 09/937,767
Filed: February 21, 2002
Attorney Docket No. 20234/0073

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 15, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The two-month period for filing an appeal brief in triplicate (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed April 30, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 is limited to an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance or a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b)). The reply submitted on August 26, 2004 did not *prima facie* place the application in condition for allowance as noted in the Advisory Action mailed November 4, 2004. Therefore, as no Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee), Request for Continued Examination (RCE) or a continuing application was timely filed. A one month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on April 16, 2004.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Pursuant to petitioner's authorization, Deposit Account No. 22-0185 was charged a total of \$855.00 -- \$685.00 for the petition to revive an unintentionally abandoned application and \$170.00 for the Notice of Appeal fee.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (703) 305-9282.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 3723.

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